WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A communication apparatus capable of receiving communication information from the outside, comprising:

discrimination means for discriminating presence or absence of reception of the communication information; and

control means for executing control, in case of reception of the communication information, to set a recording apparatus, capable of recording the communication information, in a state capable of recording.

2. A communication apparatus according to claim

1, wherein said discrimination means has a function of
discriminating whether the communication information is
an image signal, and said control means executes
control, in case the communication information is
judged as the image signal, to cause said recording
apparatus to start recording.

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3. A communication apparatus according to claim

1, wherein said control means executes control, in case
the communication information is judged as the image
signal, to cause said recording apparatus to start
recording and to record the recording start point at
the start of recording.

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4. A communication apparatus according to claim
3, wherein said control means executes control, in case
the communication information is judged as the image
signal, to cause said recording apparatus to start
recording and to record identification information for
recognizing the recording start point at the start of
recording.

5. A communication apparatus according to claim
10 1, wherein said recording apparatus includes
transmission means for transmitting said communication
information, and said control means executes control,
through said transmission means, to set said recording
apparatus in a state capable of recording.

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6. A communication apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said transmission means transmits said communication information according to the IEEE 1394-based interface standard.

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7. A communication apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said communication apparatus is applicable to a message telephone.

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8. A communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said recording apparatus is a magnetic recording apparatus.

- 9. A communication apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said recording apparatus is a video tape recorder.
- 5 10. A communication apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said recording apparatus is a hard disk device.
 - 11. A communication information recording method adapted for use in a communication apparatus capable of receiving communication information from the outside, the method comprising:

a discrimination step of discriminating presence or absence of reception of the communication information; and

a control step of executing control, in case of reception of the communication information, to set a recording apparatus, capable of recording the communication information, in a state capable of recording.

12. A communication information recording method according to claim 11, wherein said discrimination step has a function of discriminating whether the communication information is an image signal, and said control step executes control, in case the communication information is judged as the image

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signal, to cause said recording apparatus to start recording.

- 13. A communication information recording method according to claim 11, wherein said control step executes control, in case the communication information is judged as the image signal to cause said recording apparatus to start recording and to record the recording start point at the start of recording.
- 14. A communication information recording method according to claim 11, wherein said control means executes control, in case the communication information is judged as the image signal, to cause said recording apparatus to start recording and to record identification information for recognizing the recording start point at the start of recording.
- according to claim 11, further comprising a transmission step of transmitting said communication information to said recording apparatus, wherein said control step executes control, through said transmission step, to set said recording apparatus in a state capable of recording.
 - 16. A communication information recording method

according to claim 15, wherein said transmission step transmits said communication information according to the IEEE 1394 based interface standard.

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17: A communication information recording method according to claim 11, wherein said communication apparatus is a message telephone.

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18. A communication information recording method according to claim 11, wherein said recording apparatus is a magnetic recording apparatus.

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19. A communication information recording method according to claim 11, wherein said recording apparatus is a video tape recorder.

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20. A communication information recording method according to claim 11, wherein said recording apparatus is a hard disk device.

21/ A computer readable memory medium storing a program for executing a communication information recording method adapted for use in a communication apparatus capable of receiving communication information from the outside, the method comprising a discrimination step of discriminating presence or absence of reception of the communication information;

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and a control step of executing control, in case of reception of the communication information, to set a recording apparatus, capable of recording the communication information, in a state capable of recording.

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